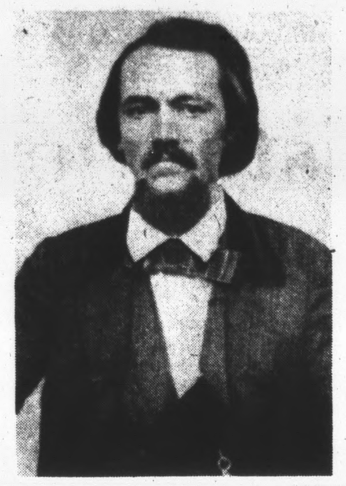
Chilton family story explored



Chapman Hunter Chilton

By Harriet A. Chilton

My father, William Chapman Chilton, told me that my grandfather, Chapman Hunter Chilton, served as Captain of the Appomattox County, Virginia, Home Guards during the War Between the States, but I have never been able to authenticate this.

I have come to the conclusion that local companies were never required to report their membership to the state officials, and few if any, records were kept locally.

In his book **A Guide To Virginia Military Organizations 1861-1865**, published in 1964, Mr. Lee A. Wallace states that the Adjutant General reported in November, 1864 that no returns of home guard companies had been received and that they had probably been to a considerable extent, merged in other organizations. The home guards had been authorized in May 1862, and it is possible that they were merged with the Reserves when the latter group was organized in 1864.

The Third Regiment of the Virginia Reserves was made up of companies from Central Virginia. The Appomattox County unit was designated as Company I, Appomattox Reserves and was organized on April 20, 1864 with John W. Johns as Captain. He was succeeded in August 1864 by John Joseph H. Godsey. The Third Reserve Regiment garrisoned the High Bridge at Farmville, Virginia, according to Mr. Christopher M. Calkins in his book, **Thirty-Six Hours Before Appomattox**, published in 1980.

I have heard my father say that the Appomattox Home Guards were called out for a last-ditch stand to help guard the High Bridge over the Appomattox River at Farmville upon General Robert E. Lee's retreat from Richmond, so no doubt my grandfather served with the Third Reserve Regiment in this crucial battle.

In his **History of Public Schools of Appomattox County**, published in 1885, the Rev. J. B. Bristow frequently refers to C. H. Chilton as Captain Chilton (he was the first superintendent of Appomattox County Schools).As this was only 20 years after the close of the war, it is likely that wartime titles were still being used. My grandfather walked with a cane due to a boyhood leg injury, so was not eligible for regular military service.

Harriet A. Chilton is a member of Robert E. Lee Chapter #56, United Daughters of the Confederacy, in Falls Church, Va.

Local students honored

A total of 11 students from this area have been included in the fifth annual edition of **THE NATIONAL DEAN'S LIST**, the largest recognition publicaiton honoring college students, published by Educational Communications, Inc., Lake Forest, Illinois.

Students are selected for recognition by their deans or on their school's Dean's List. The 77,000 students included in the current edition are from 2,000 colleges and universities nationwide and represent one half of one percent of the more than 8,000,000 college students in the country.

Local students selected include:

From Appomattox - Janice M. Marston (Longwood College), Mary F. Dyess (Lynchburg College), John F. Jimison (Lynchburg College).

From Pamplin - Raymond K. Dickerson (Virginia Tech).

From Spout Spring - Darrell W. Puckett (Lynchburg College).

From Concord - Stephanie L. Gilliam (Virginia Tech), Bettie Lou Khan (Liberty Baptist College), Lowell E. Thomas, III (Liberty Baptist College).

From Buckingham - Tammy J. Davis (Longwood College).

From Prospect - Queen E. Allen (St. Paul's College), Stephen M. Johnson (Virignia Tech).

Cheese distribution set

The Appomattox County Department of Social Services will distribute government surplus cheese and butter on December 9 from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. and on December 10 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

The distribution site will be the parking lot behind *the Memorial United Methodist* Church on the corner of Court Street and Virginia Avenue.

Recipients of food stamps, aid to dependent children, medicaid, supplemental security income checks or social security disability checks will be eligible for surplus food. The distribution will be made on a first come, first served basis.

Each recipient must supply proof of identification such as a driver's license, social security card or birth certificate. In addition, each recipient must bring their food stamp letters, food stamp I.D. cards, medicaid card or social security claim letter to prove their program eligibility.

Call 352 7125 and ask for Randy Williams for further information.

Woman convicted of welfare fraud

An Appomattox woman has been convicted in general district court of food stamp fraud, according to the Appomattox Department of Social Services.

Shelby McCoy of Route 3, Appomattox, was found guilty of the fraud charges by judge Robert B. Spencer on Nov. 10. As a food stamp recipient, she had been working during the months of May, July and August, but had failed to report the fact that she was employed to the Department of Social Services.

She was sentenced to one year in jail, suspended on good behaviour, which includes not making any false statements to the Department of Social Services.

She was also ordered to repay $339 which she had received from the Department of Social Services, and she was disqualified from the food stamp program for six months.

At APS
PTA coffee set

Mark your calendar for December 16, 1982, 10 a.m. In the cafeteria, the PTA morning coffee at the Appomattox Primary School will emphasize December- Reading Month.

The topic is very timely for Christmas giving, "Selecting Children's Literature".

Happiness is 4-H

Make plans now to attend Thursday's 'Share the Fun'

By Frank Sweet
Extension Agent

Make your plans now to attend the County Share-the-Fun Show next Thursday (December 16) at 7:00 p.m. in the ACHS auditorium. The young people involved in the final show are busy practicing their acts and rehearsing to insure a fun-filled evening for the audience. Awards will be made following the completion of the show on Thursday. 4-H Share-the-Fun awards are provided by American Federal Savings and Loan Association.

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Friday of this week is the last day to turn in completed pine seedling forms. 4-H'ers may receive either 25 or 50 pine seedlings through this special program.

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Strawberry plants will again be offered to 4-H families and other interested individuals. Order forms will be available by early January for those who would like to order strawberry plants. Several varieties will be available this year.

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Officers were selected for the new Red House 4-H Club last week. Officers for the club are: President-Brett Marston; Vice President-Janet Baker; Secretary-Nancy Haskins; Treasurer - Tammie Fulton; Reporter - Beth Marston; Recreation Leaders - Laura Baker and Rusty Fulton. The Red House 4-H group will be assisting with the luncheon at the Beef Clinic to be held December 29 at the Red House Bull Evaluation Center.

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4-H members should begin planning for Public Speaking programs which will begin in late January. In 1981 over 300 4-H'ers presented speeches on a variety of subjects. Speeches from Junior 4-H members (ages 9-13) should be 2-3 minutes in length while teenage 4-H'ers should prepare speeches for 3-5 minutes in length. Farmers National Bank of Appomattox has provided awards for 4-H Public Speaking over the past ten years.

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Tammie Starner and Jennifer Starner, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starner of Appomattox, have entered beef steers in the Central Virginia Livestock Show to be held in May at the Lynchburg Livestock Market. Tammie and Jennifer will be feeding and training their steer calves through the winter as they prepare for the show. 4-H'ers may also enter beef heifers and market lambs. Heifer entries are due January 15 and lamb entries are due February 15.

'LOCUST HILL', THE HOME OF Luisa Gray, will be one of the homes featured on the Appomattox Garden Club's Christmas Tour of Homes to be held on December 19 from two until six o'clock in the afternoon. 'Locust Hill' is located in the Hixburg Community on Route 600, approximately three miles north of Route 460. 'Locust Hill' was acquired by William Gray in 1791 and has remained in the Gray family since that time. The home, featuring Italian decor, has living room sofas made in Italy and the living room chandelier came from Venice. The second home to be shown on the tour is the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Gray, Jr., also located in the Hixburg community on Route 627. Tickets for the tour may be obtained at the door of each home or from any Garden Club member. Cost of the tour is $1.00.

4-H Club news

The Lucky Clover 4-H Club had its second meeting in November at the home of Robin Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Miller. We saw movie about "Hunting Safety." After the meeting, refreshments were served.

During the next week, we had a meeting for the planning committee of the Harvest Festival Carnival. The meeting was held at the home of Latrese, Mr. and Mrs. Walter R. Lee, Jr. Several members attended the meeting. After the meeting refreshments were served.

November 20, 1982, the Harvest Festival Carnival was held at the Masonic Lodge in Pamplin. A small turn-out came. We thank the store owners for donations and allowing us to put our signs in their windows. Also, we say thank you for permitting the club to use the Masonic Lodge.

Latrese Lee, Reporter

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Good News for Homemakers

Watch for tree fire hazards

By Shirley W. Walton
Extension Agent

Christmas Tree Fires Are Holiday Danger

A Christmas tree can be a delight to your family and friends, but it can also be a fire hazard. The humidity inside your home at this time of year is very dry, causing trees or any foliage to dry out very quickly. If a tree does catch fire, it usually burns very quickly and very dangerously. This is what we call a flash fire and it can send flames up to your ceiling before you even know the tree is burning.

When purchasing a Christmas tree, buy a fresh one that has been stored outdoors and keep it outdoors until the last moment when you are ready to trim it. Stand the tree in a container of water as soon as you have purchased it in a cool location and sprinkle the branches (just as we do foliage plants in the summer). When the tree is brought into the house, cut at least one inch off the end of the trunk and then saw several cuts upward into the trunk. This will encourage a maximum amount of water absorption into the tree.

Place the tree into a special stand with a reservoir for water and check the reservoir daily to make sure it contains water. Make sure the tree stands firmly and does not tip over. Do not place trees near a fireplace, heating stove, radiator, radio, television or anything else that gives off heat. Also, why not put it in the cool part of the home.

Place the tree out of walking paths or traffic areas. This can be very dangerous, especially if there are small children in the home.

When decorating the tree, avoid flammable decorations. Be sure that electric lights are the small miniature type that bear a UL (Underwriters Laboratory) seal of approval. Also, check each set of lights to make sure they are in good working condition, with no frayed spots, etc. before placing them on the tree. Make sure that every socket in the light in filled with a working bulb.

Never leave tree lights on when everyone is away from home. Be sure that tree lights are unplugged when going to bed. Check the needles on the tree periodically to see if the heat from any of the lights is browning them. If so, move the lights away from the dry needles to moister, greener ones.

When the needles begin to start falling and you notice this on your carpet or floor covering, take the tree down. Don't try to prolong a festive feeling by endangering your home and family with a dried-out Christmas tree.

Be cautious, be safe and have a good Christmas season. Use commonsense and safety habits when handling your Christmas tree.

If you have a homemaking question or problem, you may call 352-8244 or you may write P.O. Box 488, Appomattox, VA 24522.

Have a good week!

RECIPE OF THE WEEK
Neola's Angel Biscuits

2½ cups flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
¼ cup sugar
½ cup shortening
¼ cup warm water
1 pkg. dry yeast
1 cup buttermilk

Dissolve the yeast in the ¼ cup warm water and set aside. Mix the dry ingredients in the order given, cutting in the shortening as you normally do for biscuits or pie dough.

Stir in the buttermilk, also the water with the yeast in it. Blend thoroughly and the dough is ready to be refrigerated in a large, covered bowl or make into biscuits.

When you are ready to work the dough, turn it out onto a floured board and knead lightly as for regular biscuits.

Roll out and cut with a biscuit cutter and place in a greased pan.

Let the biscuits rise slightly (if the dough is cold, it will take a little longer for them to rise than when first mixed), and pop into a 400-degree oven until lightly browned.

These will be delicious with your special holiday meal. Thanks to Mrs. Neola Smith for sharing this good recipe with us. This recipe is **different** from our previously used angel biscuits and **better.**

HERBERT JAMERSON of Jamerson Bros. Trucking Co. (left) presents check for $200 to James Ford, representing the Appomattox Volunteer Fire Department. Jamerson's truck won in the heavy-truck division of Friday night's firemen's benefit truck contest at Moses Motor Co., and Herbert donated the $200 prize money to the firemen's Christmas fund. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)

Personal Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Garrette have moved to the Vera Community to make their home after living in Baltimore, Md. for the past 40 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Rolfe Garrette of Edgewood, Md., visited in this home during the Thanksgiving weekend.

At AES
PTA meeting set

The Appomattox Elementary School PTA will meet on December 9, at 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium. Following a business meeting you will be treated to a superb holiday presentation. Please join us at AES during this special season.

GEORGE HARVEY of Spout Spring was named WJJS radio station's "Senior Citizen of the Day" for Nov. 19. He received a free car wash from Central Virginia Car Care and Recondition in Lynchburg for the honor.

Eagles announce birth

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Dale Eagle announce the birth of their daughter, Peggy Lorane.

She was born Nov. 20, 1982, and weighed five pounds, 10 ounces at birth. Peggy has one brother, Roger, Jr., age four.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Eagle of Appomattox and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Loving of Waynesboro.

Oakville club plans family dinner

The Oakville Home and Garden Club will have its Christmas Family Covered Dish Dinner at Oakville School Dec. 14 at 6:00 p.m.

Each member is requested to bring a vegetable and salad or dessert. Meat will be furnished.

Members are also requested to bring canned goods to fix four boxes for shut-ins.

All members and their families are requested to be present and there will be entertainment after dinner.

Diet club changes meeting site

The Slim and Trim Diet Club will be moving its meeting site to Memorial United Methodist Church in Appomattox, Dec. 16. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Slim and Trim accepts members anytime and provides diet counseling for the participant. For more information call Julie Coffman at 352-8611.

Appomattox UDC chapter to meet

The Appomattox Chapter of the United Daughters of Confederacy will meet on Dec. 16, at 6:30 p.m. at Maude's Restaurant for their annual Christmas dinner.

Reservations may be made by calling Mrs. Louise Plunkett at 352-8955.

Helen Carole Beaty is honored in celebrations

Helen Carole Beaty was honored recently with a series of parties and celebrations.

The pre-nuptial festivities began with a morning kitchen shower in the home of Mrs. Lloyd Walton, co-hosted by Mrs. Floyd Eggleston. The guests brought kitchen accessories and a copy of a favorite recipe.

Mrs. Phillip Jamerson and Mrs. William E. Jamerson co-hosted a linen shower in the home of Mrs. Phillip Jamerson.

Mrs. Alfred Moore and Mrs. Clayton Bryant honored Miss Beaty with a miscellaneous shower at Maude's Restaurant.

The bride was showered with gifts of tupperware at a party given by Mrs. Donald Williams and Mrs. Raymond Tweedy.

A floating Christmas tree ornament party was given in the home of Mrs. Floyd Williams, co-hosted by Mrs. Richard Poe. Each guest brought a Christmas ornament for the very first tree for Miss Beaty and her fiance, Neale Foxwell.

The marriage of Miss Beaty, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Beaty, Jr., and Neale Foxwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph S. Foxwell will take place on December 11, at 4:30 p.m. in the Liberty Baptist Church. Everyone is invited to share in the wedding celebration.

Cooking class set

A one-night microwave cooking class will be held Tuesday night, December 14 from 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. in the Home Economics Department at the Appomattox County High School. Betty Jo Smith, home economics instructor, will be the teacher for the class.

This class is designed for those who have recently purchased or are contemplating buying a microwave oven. Features to be covered in the class include: microwave basics, introduction to microwave cooking, demonstrations of food preparation for breakfast, lunch and dinner, and some special items for the Christmas holidays.

Cost of the class will be $3.00 per person. Registration may be made by calling the Appomattox County School Board Office at 352-8253 between the hours of 8:30 - 5:00 during the work week.

This class is under the sponsorship of the Adult Education program of the Appomattox County Schools. Additional information may be obtained by calling R. B. Carter, Director of Vocational Education, at 352-8253.

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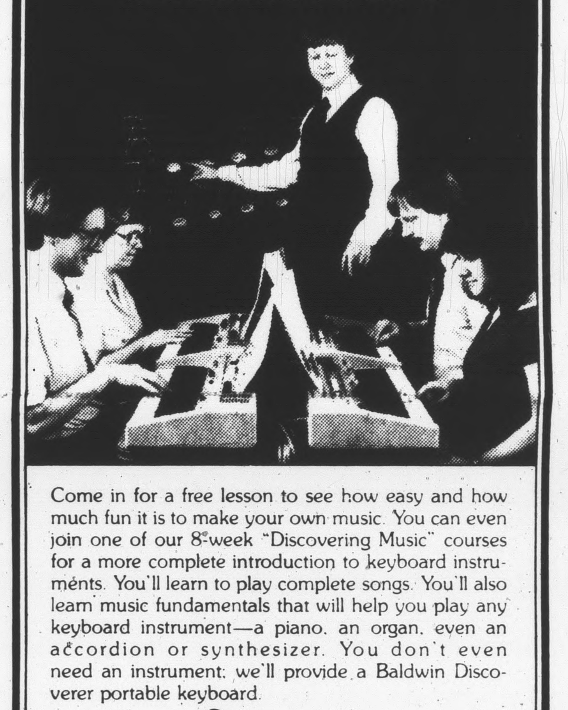

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